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Dear Parents/Carers

As we are fast approaching the final half term of our school year, I wanted to share with you some exciting news about our yearly flexible topic which all the children in school will be participating in during the second half of summer term. Our flexible Captain Cook Challenge topic forms a pivotal part of the curriculum in school as it enables us to keep our curriculum energised, relevant and engaging for the children.

You may already be aware that the 2024 Olympic Games will be held in Paris over the summer. Therefore, in order to highlight awareness of its significance, immerse the children in this amazing global event and engage with the vision of the International Olympic Committee to 'build a better world through sport,' our flexible topic this year is 'Around the World at the 2024 Olympics.'

Even more excitingly, as part of our topic, we are intending to host our very own **Captain Cook Olympic Sports day at the Middlesbrough Sports Village on Tuesday, 11th June from 10am to 2pm**. All our children from Reception to Year 6 will be participating in a range of events over the course of the day and parents will be invited to spend the day with us if they are able to do so. Further details on the itinerary of the day will be sent out nearer the time, but we wanted to give you as much advance warning as possible.

In order to raise funds to assist with the expense of hiring the Sports Village, we will be holding a Run to Paris Sponsored Event during the first week back after the half term break. As you can imagine, the distance from Middlesbrough to Paris is quite considerable – 682km! We have calculated the number of laps of our Lower School playground that it will take to cover the distance and will be asking:

Children in Reception and Year 1 to run 6 laps

Children in Years 2-4 to run 8 laps

Children in Year 5 and 6 to run 10 laps

We will then all complete the full distance by running a 400m lap at our Olympic event at the Sports Village with the crowds cheering!

Please find attached a sponsorship form for children to collect sponsorship for participating in the event. We know from past experience that family and friends have been incredibly generous in donating to sponsored events. Therefore, as a reward for raising specific amounts, we have a range of exciting prizes for the children to earn (please see the flyer for full details.) **Please note that families can complete one sponsor form, and all children in the family will receive the rewards earned.** All rewards earned will be given to children prior to the Olympic Event so they can be worn at the sports village.

We look forward to seeing as many of you all as possible at the sports village event. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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